

## The Crucible



Left to Right—Top Row: Coach A. M. Sandall, H. Kabat, R. Hall, T. Briscoe, R. Watkins, C. Ekonomich, L. Dykas, A. Lipki.  
Middle Row: G. McFall, T. Ricciardi, E. Beatty, L. Snowden, V. Jodway, L. Ritzler.  
Bottom Row: H. Steiers, A. Yondites, R. Sides, J. Williams.

### Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track

Winning the National Indoor track meet, the Green and Gold thinclads enjoyed one of the best indoor seasons they have had in many years. Last year the Falcon track team won the National Outdoor title, and tied with LaGrange High School of Illinois for top honors in the Indoor meet. Northeastern was represented in this competition by only two entries, Eugene Beatty and Love Snowden. These two stars brought home the honors in the same meet this year. Through this pair, Northeastern has two crack athletes in the field in its effort to retain the greatest prep cinder crown.

The Falcons came through to victory in the National Indoor meet by accumulating 18 points. Eugene Beatty captured both the high and low hurdles, placed third in the half mile run, and took fourth in the fifty yard dash. Through this performance he became the individual high scorer of the meet with thirteen points to his credit. Love Snowden came through in his event, the fifty yard dash, to add five points to Beatty's total, making the final Falcon score enough to emerge victorious.

In the State Indoor Meet, the Falcon thinclads trailed Northwestern by a point and a half to take second place. Here Eugene Beatty again topped the scorers with twelve points. He set a new mark in the broad jump. Love Snowden sprinted the fifty yard dash in 5.6 seconds and took first place.

Amassing thirty points in the city indoor meet, Northeastern also finished second, Northwestern beating out the Grandy Avenue boys by thirteen points. Once more Eugene Beatty led the scorers, with a total of sixteen points.

When *The Crucible* went to press, Northeastern had participated in two outdoor triangular meets and had won one of them, Snowden and Beatty not competing in the first meet, which Northeastern lost. This year the Falcons seem very likely to repeat last year's performance, judging by their showing in indoor competition.

In the first indoor meet of the season, the Northeastern thinclads conquered the Cass Tech squad by the one-sided score of 61-33. The meet was held in the home gymnasium Friday, February 3. The Falcons took first place in every event on the program with the exception of the shot put and the quarter mile. Eugene Beatty was the individual high

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exception of the shot put and the quarter mile. Eugene Beatty was the individual high scorer of the meet with twenty-one points to his credit. Love Snowden came through for ten points, while Charles Ekonovich garnered eight.

Due to a lack of strength in the weight events, the Grady Avenue boys bowed to Northwestern on Friday, February 16, by a 58-37 count. Here again, Eugene Beatty was high point man. Through the efforts of Beatty, Snowden, and Ekonovich, the Falcons kept within striking distance of the Red and Gray squad.

By taking the relay, the last event on the card, the Green and Gold athletes nosed out the formidable Redford athletes, Friday, February 24, by the close margin of seven points, the final count being 51-44. Eugene Beatty, Love Snowden, and Robert Watkins turned in stellar performances in this meet. The suburban squad scored slams in the mile and half mile runs.

The city indoor meet was the next event on the schedule and Northwestern took off the team honors with a total of 43 points while the Falcons were the runners-up with thirty points to their credit. This was the fifth consecutive time that Northwestern won the title and the eighth time in the last nine years. Cass Tech took third place with twelve points. Eugene Beatty was the leading scorer of the meet. Edwin Turaschoff of Cass Tech created a new city record in the shot put, surpassing the old record by four feet six inches. He heaved the 12 pound iron ball 50 feet and 7 inches. Jaybell Thompson lowered the time for the half mile by 2-5 seconds. Sampson of Cass Tech cleared the bar at 5 feet, 11 inches for a new record in the high jump.

The Green and Gold men who placed in the city meet are Love Snowden, who took first place in the 30 yard dash, and 220 yard dash; Eugene Beatty who captured both hurdles, placed second in the shot put, and second in the 220 yard dash; Charles Ekonovich, who finished second in the mile run; and Robert Watkins, who took fourth in the shot put.

To cap the indoor interscholastic track schedule was the national indoor meet, in which Northeastern entered a two man track team, composed of Eugene Beatty and Love Snowden. These two boys, however, proved themselves to be the most outstanding athletes in prep circles throughout the nation. The meet was held at Evanston, Illinois, on Saturday, March 24. Beatty and Snowden accumulated a total of eighteen points to carry off the biggest prize of the indoor season, the national title. Beatty led the scorers with two firsts in the hurdles, a third in the half mile, and a fourth in the 50 yard dash. Love Snowden came through in his event, the 50 yard dash to make victory possible. Northwestern took second place and Cass Tech finished third.

In the first outdoor meet of the season, the Falcons took third place in a triangular contest between Central and Cass Tech and Northeastern. Central carried off the honors with 73 points, Cass Tech was runner-up with 41 1-2 points and the Falcons trailed with 16 1-2 points. Beatty and Snowden, the mainstays of Northeastern's track team did not participate. Leo Dykiss, a freshman thinclad, turned in a stellar performance by taking the quarter-mile in 53.4 seconds.

Northwestern High beat out the Green and Gold boys in the season's second meet by amassing 79 points to land in first place. Northeastern finished with 32 markers to beat out the Eskimos, who finished third with 23 points.

Beatty was the high point scorer with eighteen points. Love Snowden, green and gold dashman, did not participate. Had he performed, the Falcons would probably have given



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the Colts more opposition. Bob Watkins, giant weight man, accounted for eight of the Falcons' points with a first in the shot-put and a second in the discus. Leo Dykas beat out Meldrum, Northwestern 440-star, in the quarter mile. The Colts also took the relay.

The ability of the Red and Gray athletes to pick up points in the weight events resulted in their victory. The Colts are Northeastern's strongest rivals for the national title as Northwestern usually has a well-balanced team that is able to amass points through seconds and thirds.

In the Michigan Mid-west conference event held at Ann Arbor, Saturday, May 12, Northeastern beat out Northwestern by the extremely close margin of 1-6 of a point, the Falcons scoring 28 markers and the Colts ending up right on their heels with 27 5-6 points. Northeastern scored five firsts, a third and a fourth to emerge victorious. This was the closest contest in the history of Mid-west conference meets. Case Tech finished third.

For the first time since 1923, Northwestern did not carry off top honors in the city interscholastic track meet. The Falcons received the verdict by the close margin of 1 2-3 points, their total being 47 points. The Red and Gray thinclads followed with 45 1-3 points.

The Colts pushed the Falcons all the way and the meet was not decided until the last event, the relay, was run off. Before the relay was run off, the score stood 42 1-3 and 42, in favor of the Colts. In taking the relay, the Green and Gold team took the event by ten yards. Beatty and Snowden again starred for the Falcons, the pair scoring 28 points, besides running on the winning relay team. While Beatty and Snowden starred, Ekonovich saved the day for Northeastern when he came through in the 440 yard dash, taking the event in 52 3-5 seconds. Leo Dykas, freshman athlete, finished second with Bill Burgess, Colt star, who was doped to come home ahead, crossing the finish line in third place. This unexpected victory decided the meet in favor of the Falcons.

Eugene Beatty and Love Snowden are the outstanding lights of the Grandy Avenue School's track squad. They are considered the cream of the nation's prep athletes. Beatty specializes in the high and low hurdles and the broad jump, although he is an all-around man. He also shows ability in the shot put and is the present national indoor record holder for the 880 yard dash. Love Snowden, Falcon dash ace, shines in the century and 220 yard dashes and is also an excellent broad jumper. Snowden and Beatty are practically unbeatable in prep circles. During Snowden's track career, he has defeated some of the nation's best prep dash men.